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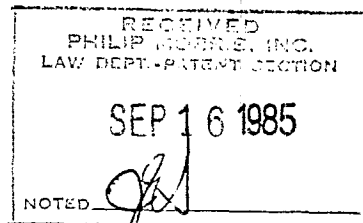
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Re: United States Patent Application Serial
Number 603,254, filed April 23, 1984,
entitled FLAVOR-RELEASE BETA-HYDROXY-
ESTER COMPOSITIONS of Grubbs and Houminer
Your Reference: PM 1019 Div.
Our Reference: PM-85-2

Dear Jim:

Enclosed for your information and file is a copy of an
Amendment which we filed today in the Patent Office.

In the Amendment, we have included the carbon atom range of
1-12 for the R substituents in generic claim 34.

Note that claims 21, 24-25, 28-31 and 33 are withdrawn from
consideration. You may want to consider a divisional patent
application to cover claim 21 as a species, plus a generic
claim to cover this type of compound which is highly reactive
under pyrolysis conditions (Examples II and VIII).

Whatever the outcome of the present examination, the parent
U.S. 4,473,085 provides excellent coverage for smoking
compositions containing a flavorant additive of the type in
question as generically defined.

Please advise us if we can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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